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Maintenance Obligations in the Brazilian Law System: Preparing for the implementation of the 2007 Child Support Convention and its Protocol on the Law Applicable to Maintenance Obligations.

The main purpose of this paper is to show the Brazilian Law System in dealing with Maintenance Obligation and how it has been developed not only by law but also by high court decisions on this right. Besides, this paper would like to present very shortly the grounds of right to maintenance support as a Constitutional based and how under constitutional law has established a system to recognize and recovery maintenance. After knowing the resources for maintenance obligations, it also present a practical view for taking actions before court for a assuring people the exercise of the right to maintenance, especially in child support matter, which is one of the main demand before family law courts in Brazil. Moreover, considering that globalization has been responsible for raising the number of foreigners living abroad nowadays and consequently, the number of marriages and divorces abroad, there must be answers for quarantee creditor of maintenance right and on the other hand debtor has an obligation to pay the benefit to someone's family relationship that cannot survive without any kind of financial support. This paper wants to present the policies that Brazilian government have taken to deal with a cross-border family law conflicts, and mainly for promoting an efficiency international legal cooperation in international recovery maintenance. Further studies will be necessary to rise the main obstacle to exercise the recovery maintenance abroad and analyzing the steps that is needed to Brazil to be taken in order to sign, ratify and implement 2007 Child Support Convention and its Protocol on the Law Applicable to Maintenance Obligations.